

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 11, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. Claims 1-9 were examined. Claim 9 was objected to because of informalities. Claims 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 while claims 2-4 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended and claim 10 has been added. Entry is requested. Support for amended claims 1 and 6 can be found in, for example, ¶ [0032] and ¶ [0037 - 0038] respectively. Support for added claim 10 can be found in, for example, ¶ [0028]. As such, no new matter has been added or the scope expanded. Claims 4, 5 and 9 are cancelled in this response. Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 remain pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 9 has been cancelled and claim 7 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis on which the rejection was based. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 now particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention and complies with the enablement requirement. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

II. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Pub. No. US 2003/0063041 to Kurashima et al. (hereinafter "*Kurashima et al.*"). A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *MPEP* § 2131. Claim 5 has been cancelled

and Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element in independent claim 1, as amended, is not set forth in the cited reference.

The present invention is directed towards a dual display apparatus capable of controlling a plurality of display panels with a single driving unit. The driving unit includes a display path control unit which controls the selection of the different display panels.

Claim 1, as amended, includes the element “a display path control unit for controlling the display panel driver by performing a switching operation to operate a corresponding one of the display panels.” While *Kurashima et al.* does not include a display path control unit, the Examiner relied on “the display panel driving unit also function[ing] as a display path control unit.” *See Office Action at page 3, last paragraph.* But the *Kurashima et al.* display panel driving unit merely makes a scanning signal unavailable to a sub-panel when the main panel is used for display and vice versa (*page 6, para [0087]*). As such, unlike the present invention, it does not have a separate display path control unit for controlling the display panel by performing the switching operation.

Thus, *Kurashima et al.* does not include each and every element of independent claim 1. Therefore, *Kurashima et al.* does not anticipate this claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is patentable in view of *Kurashima et al.*

III. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Obviousness Rejection based on Kurashima

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over *Kurashima et al.* To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness: (1) there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference; (2) there must be a reasonable expectation of success; and (3) the references when combined must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. *MPEP* § 2142. Applicant respectfully submits that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

Dependent claim 3 depends from independent claim 1. For the reasons set forth above in regard to independent claim 1, *Kurashima et al.* does not teach or suggest all the elements of

claims 1. Also, even though both the concept and the advantages of providing for displays connection means formation using a tape carrier package method in displays apparatus' are well known, it does not cure the defect raised with regard to claim 1. As such, *Kurashima et al.* does not include each and every element of independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 3 is patentable over *Kurashima et al.*.

B. Remainder of Obviousness Rejections in the Office Action

Similarly, the remainder of the rejections in the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006 are obviousness rejections of dependent claims where the primary reference is *Kurashima et al.* Of those depended claims, claims 4 and 9 have been cancelled. The rest of the claims namely claims 2 and 6-8 depend from independent claim 1 and incorporate the limitations thereof. Thus, at least for the reasons mentioned above, discussed in regard to the independent claim, the primary reference that is relied upon by the Examiner does not teach or suggest each of the elements of these claims. Further, additional references that the Examiner seeks to combine with the primary reference do not cure the defects of the primary reference that have been previously identified. The Examiner does not indicate and the Applicants have been unable to discern any part of the additional references, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,583,770 issued to Antila et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0137551 by Toba, U.S. Patent No. 5,874,928 issued to Kou, or U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/01111200 by Nikawa et al. that cure these defects of the primary reference. Each of the combinations of these references fails to teach all the elements of claims 1, as amended, and consequently fails to teach or suggest each of the elements of the dependent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of these dependent claims are requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 define the subject invention over the prior art of record. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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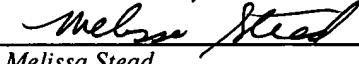
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